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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. YOU WERE CORRECT IN YOUR SUSPICION THAT OPPOSITION FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BOGGED DOWN A REPLY TO MOSCOW 10580 AND 11447 ON THE MINI COMPUTER. EUR/EX WAS CONSIDERING YOUR TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION (MOSCOW 10580) WHEN A NEVER-BEFORE-HEARD-OF GROUP CALLED THE "COMPUTER COMMITTEE", BALKING AT ISO'S WORLD-WIDE MINI COMPUTER PROPOSAL, ASKED ALSO TO REVIEW YOUR JUSTIFICATION. BOB BARRY DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH AMBASSADOR STOESEL AND JOHN CLARK. JOAN PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND EXPEDITE A DECISION.

2. SOV THINKS THE REP LIST PRESENTATION STORY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE AMERICAN PRESS CORPS IN MOSCOW BEFORE THE STORY BREAKS HERE. HOWEVER, PLEASE SEND US THE PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR OWN USE SO THAT WE ARE SURE WE ARE ALL USING THE SAME STATISTICS IN ANSWERING PRESS INQUIRIES.

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3. ASSUME EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OTHERWISE, BUT
KEN SKOUG WILL BE ARRIVING WITH FAMILY ON PAN AM AUGUST
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4. ASSUMING THAT JOHN DANYLYK'S MOTHER REMAINS OUT OF
DANGER, AND THAT THE EMBASSY HAS A STRONG DESIRE TO
HAVE HIM RETURN, OER WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY TO SEND
HIM BACK TO MOSCOW TO FINISH HIS TDY TOUR. PLEASE LET
ME KNOW YOUR VIEWS BEFORE THURSDAY, WHEN DANYLYK WILL
BE SEEING DOUG DIAMOND.

5. WE ARE NOT REDUCING VOLTAGE AT SOV EMBASSY HERE,
THOUGH WE ARE DUSTING OFF THE IDEA. PLEASE PUT THE
INFORMATION ON POWER INTO THE REPLY TO THE CABLE WE ARE
SENDING TODAY WHICH REQUESTS AN UPDATE ON OUR "DESIDERATA"
FOR VORONTSOV AND WE WILL CONVEY THIS TO HIM AS WELL.
SAME GOES FOR ELECTRICAL POWER SERVICE AND DACHA.

6. WE WANT THE STRELETSKAYA PLANS IN SOVIET HANDS WELL
BEFORE KNOOP GETS THERE. WHY DOESN'T ROBIN SIMPLY CUT
OUT AREA OF FIRST FLOOR PLANS WITHIN WALLS OF BUILDING
AND REMOUNT ON A PIECE OF RADYANSKAYA UKRAINE OR
WHAT HAVE YOU.

7. WE HAD THOUGHT IN TERMS OF MARITIME AGREEMENT NOTE
BEING HANDED OVER AT SAME TIME THAT REP LIST PITCH IS
MADE. WILL WORK ON FINDING SOMETHING UPBEAT.

8. PROMISED INSTRUCTIONS ON KOREA ARE INCLUDED IN
PACKAGE INCLUDING PUERTO RICO, ZIONISM ETC. THEY
CURRENTLY AWAIT HIGH LEVEL CLEARANCE.

9. WE TALKED TO CHARLIE ABOUT THE SIMONS JOB AND HE IS
INTERESTED, BUT PERSONNEL IS ALSO TELLING HIM THERE
MAY BE SOME EE DCM JOBS OPENING. AS FOR AVAILABILITY,
I WOULD GUESS FEBRUARY WOULD BE A GOOD TIME SINCE HIS
AMBASSADOR IN PARIS WILL BE CHANGING THEN.

10. IF BROWN DID INDEED CALL WITH CONFIRMATION OF
A NOVEMBER 15 DATE HE IS WAY AHEAD OF US. WE HAVEN'T
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TOLD EPA ANYTHING ABOUT SCHEDULING AND IN ANY CASE
WILL NEED A GREEN LIGHT FROM THE NSC. EVEN THE ONES
WE ARE TRYING TO MOVE ON NOW--ATOMIC ENERGY AND HEALTH--
ARE NOT CLEARED YET. THE MEMO YOU HAVE SHOULD BE
VERY CLOSELY HELD INDEED, SINCE NO WASHINGTON AGENCY HAS
ANY INKLING OF CONTENTS AND WHOLE PROJECT MAY YET BE
VETOED SOMEWHERE.

11. RE MOSCOW 12097 AND POSSIBLE SOVIET GESTURES OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIANS, WE HAVE SOME INDICATIONS OF ARMS DELIVERIES THROUGH SURROGATES AND DIRECTLY. WE DO NOT SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF ARMS CUTOFF TO SYRIA, HOWEVER, AND PRESUME THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A BLEAT BY NOW HAD IT HAPPENED. INCIDENTALLY, EMBASSY MAY NOT HAVE YET SEEN MOSCOW ARABIC BROADCAST (TIMOSHKIN) ENDORSING SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN ACCORD. TIMOSHKIN STATES THAT AGREEMENT "GIVES RISE TO MUCH HOPE AND IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN ENDING THE SERIOUS CRISIS IN LEBANON." COMMENTARY APPEARS IN SOVIET FBIS BOOK OF MONDAY, AUGUST 2. GIVEN FAILURE OF SYRIAN-PLO ACCORD TO CALL FOR SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL, WE READ MOSCOW ENDORSEMENT OF AGREEMENT AS INDICATION THAT THE SOVIETS FEEL THEY CAN ACCEPT SYRIAN ASCENDANCY OVER PLO AS ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUED SYRIAN-PLO DISCORD AND POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT. WE WOULD GUESS THAT, IF THE SYRIANS DO NOT SEEK TO DEPRIVE THE PALESTINIANS OF ALL AUTONOMY, MOSCOW WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY STEP UP SUPPORT TO THE PLO. IF SYRIANS GO FOR THE THROAT, GIVEN LARGE SYRIAN STOCKS OF AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS, THERE IS LITTLE THAT MOSCOW CAN DO, SHORT OF INTERVENTION, TO STOP THEM. KISSINGER

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